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1. SUMMARY: THIS AFTERNOON, MAY 21, JAPANESE FOREIGN

MINISTER OHIRA ANNOUNCED THAT HE AND ACTING SECRETARY RUSH HAVE REACHED AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT ON THE TEXT OF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON ENERGY R & D. ACTION REQUESTED: ECG POSTS SHOULD ADVISE HOST GOVERNMENTS OF THIS AGREEMENT AND ASSURE THEM THAT IT DOES NOT DIMINISH OUR DETERMINATION TO WORK FOR A MEANINGFUL MULTILATERAL R & D ARRANGEMENT WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE ECG. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER ALMOST A YEAR OF NEGOTIATIONS, THE LANGUAGE FOR A US-JAPANESE BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON ENERGY R & D HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AD REFERENDUM BY BOTH SIDES. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES A BASIC STRUCTURE IN WHICH MANY TYPES OF COOPERATION CAN BE UNDERTAKEN THROUGH MORE SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENTS BY THE AGENCIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED. COOPERATION MAY TAKE PLACE VIA MEETINGS, EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION, EXCHANGES OF EXPERTS, AND CONDUCT OF JOINT PROGRAMS OR COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAMS. THE AGREEMENT IDENTIFIES AREAS WHICH ARE MOST ATTRACTIVE FOR COOPERATIVE PROJECTS; THESE INCLUDE SOLAR, GEOTHERMAL, STORAGE BATTERIES, GASIFICATION AND LIQUIFICATION OF COAL, ENERGY APPLICATIONS OF HYDROGEN, MAGNETOHYDRODYNAMIC CONVERSION, FUEL CELLS, ELECTRICAL

ENERGY TRANSMISSION BY SUPER-CONDUCTION OR MICROWAVES, ADVANCED PROPULSION SYSTEMS, ENERGY CONSERVATION, AND USE OF WASTE MATERIALS AND WASTE HEAT.

3. TO ENSURE THAT ECG MEMBERS UNDERSTAND THE BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES OF THIS BILATERAL, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ECG GOVERNMENTS AND PARTICULARLY TO THOSE INVOLVED IN THE AD HOC R & D GROUP NEGOTIATIONS. THIS BILATERAL AGREEMENT IN NO WAY DIMINISHES OUR ABILITY OR DETERMINATION TO WORK IN THE ECG FRAMEWORK TO REACH MEANINGFUL MULTILATERAL R&D AGREEMENTS. INDEED, WE BELIEVE THIS TYPE OF BILATERAL WILL COMPLEMENT THE TYPE OF MULTILATERAL R&D ARRANGEMENTS WE SEEK IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ECG. THIS AGREEMENT WAS UNDER NEGOTIATION FOR EIGHT MONTHS PRIOR TO THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE. WE BELIEVE THE US AND OTHER ECG MEMBERS SHOULD STRIVE FOR A MIX OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATIVE R&D ACCORDS TO ACHIEVE THE BEST POSSIBLE OFFICIAL USE

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BLE COMBINATION OF MECHANISMS FOR FINDING AND DEVELOPING SOLUTIONS TO THE ENERGY PROBLEM.

4. FOR TOKYO: WE ASSUME THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S DESIRE TO ANNOUNCE THE AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT OBIVIATES THE NEED TO DELAY INFORMING ECG MEMBERS UNTIL AFTER GOI OFFICIALS HAVE APPROVED THE AGREEMENT, AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL B. RUSH

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